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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 2, 19, and 20 have been amended.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-9, 11-16, and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Breed (USPN 6,738,697). Applicants respectfully submit that Breed fails to teach all of the claim limitations of independent claims 1, 19, and 20, as set forth in the present application.

Breed teaches a diagnostic system that utilizes sensors to monitor a vehicle component. A processor coupled to the sensors receives data from the sensors and processes the data to generate an output indicative of the state of the component or vehicle from the signals. A communications device (e.g. telematic device) transmits the output to a remote location and/or the processor may control a vehicle component or system based on the output. (Abstract of the '697 Patent).

Breed, however, does not teach sending a signal requesting the vehicle to stop via a telematic device as recited in claim 1. Nor does Breed teach relaying a stop signal from a telematic device to a vehicle as recited in claim 19 or receiving a signal from a telematic device as recited in claim 20. Breed only teaches sending sensor data from the vehicle to a remote location (see, for example, Objects of the Invention section), it does not teach or contemplate using a telematic device to send a stop signal to the vehicle.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that all of the claims in this case are now in condition for allowance and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested. Furthermore, if the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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